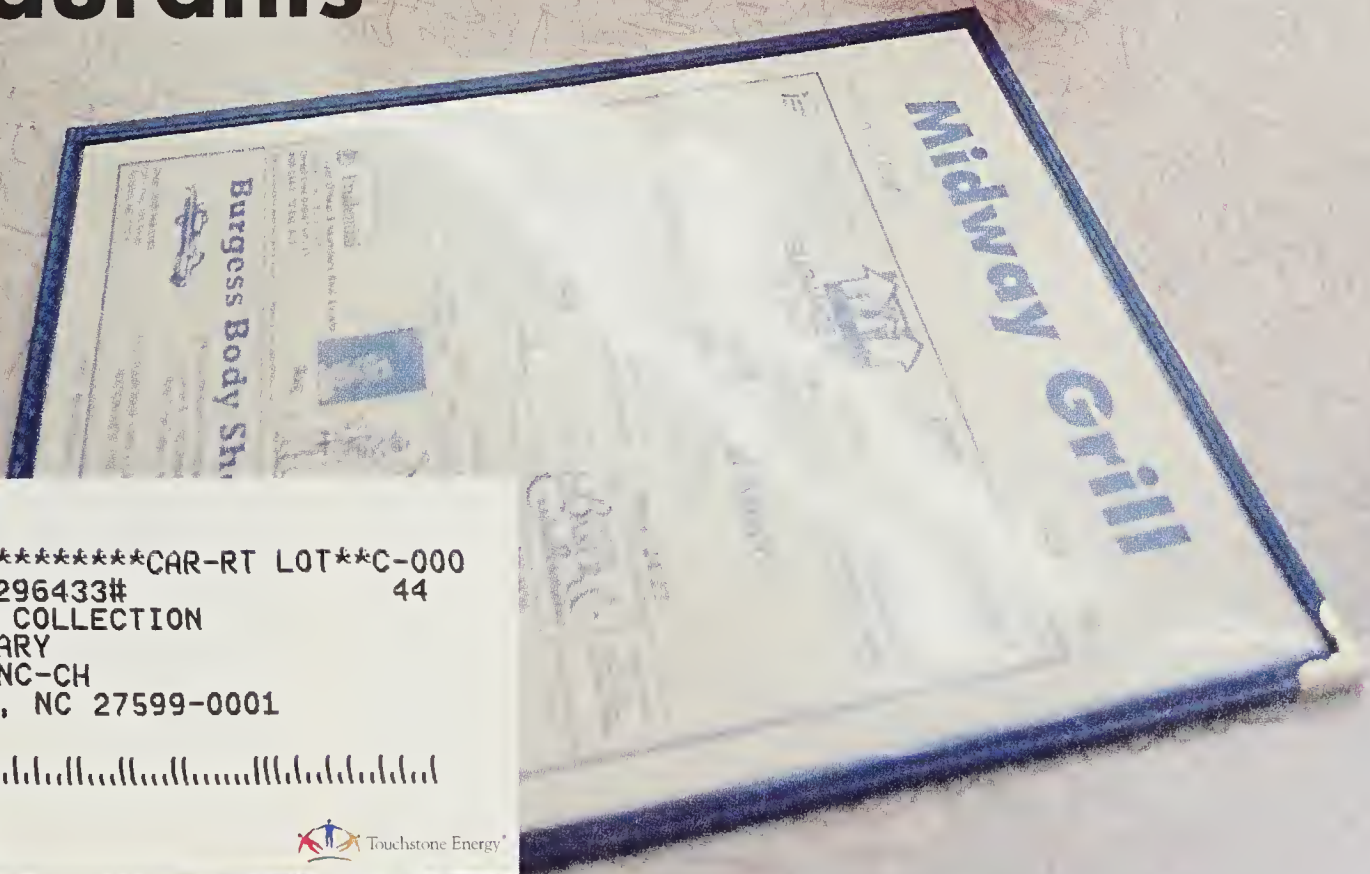



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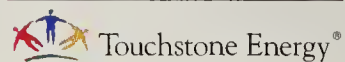


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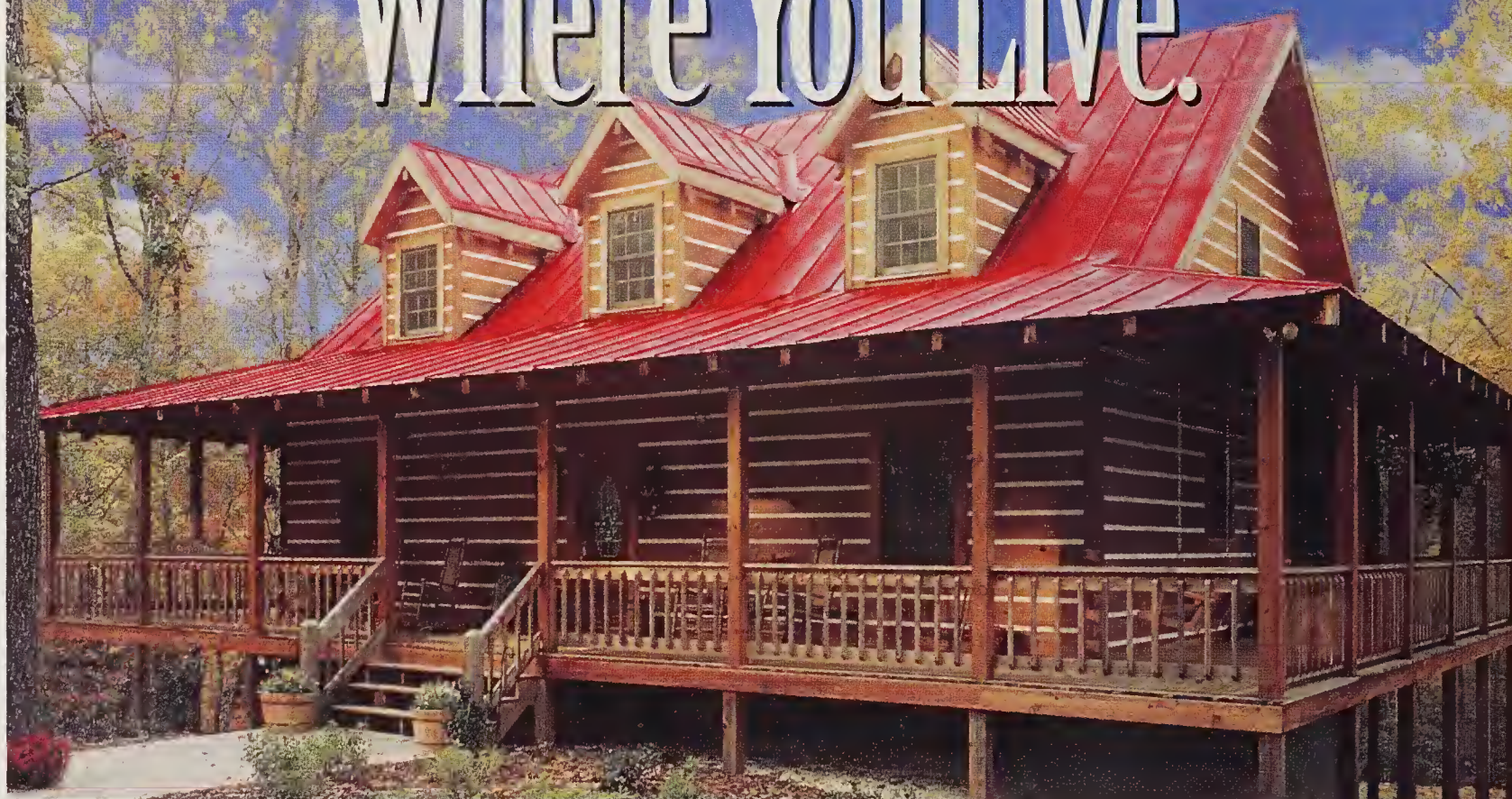
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Inside the Midway Restaurant and/or Grill in Moore County. Heather Garner is the daughter of owners Robert and Raynelle Allred. Randolph EMC is the Midway's electric co-op. See another photo on page 16. (Photos by Todd E. Gaul. Todd@photophile.com)

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“Ray’s Moon”

BY BOB TIMBERLAKE

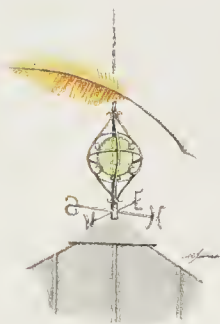


THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA are a favorite “haunt” for artist Bob Timberlake and from them he has found an infinite variety of ideas for many of his paintings. One of his most favorite places to paint has been the homeplace of famous mountain storyteller Ray Hicks and his wife Rosa. Here he has captured the unselfconscious beauty of mountain life . . . and in the process, has gained a deep appreciation and respect for the couple who live there.

This beautiful reproduction is being produced in offset lithography and will be offered as a special time-limited edition with orders being accepted from September 10th through November 17th, 2001.

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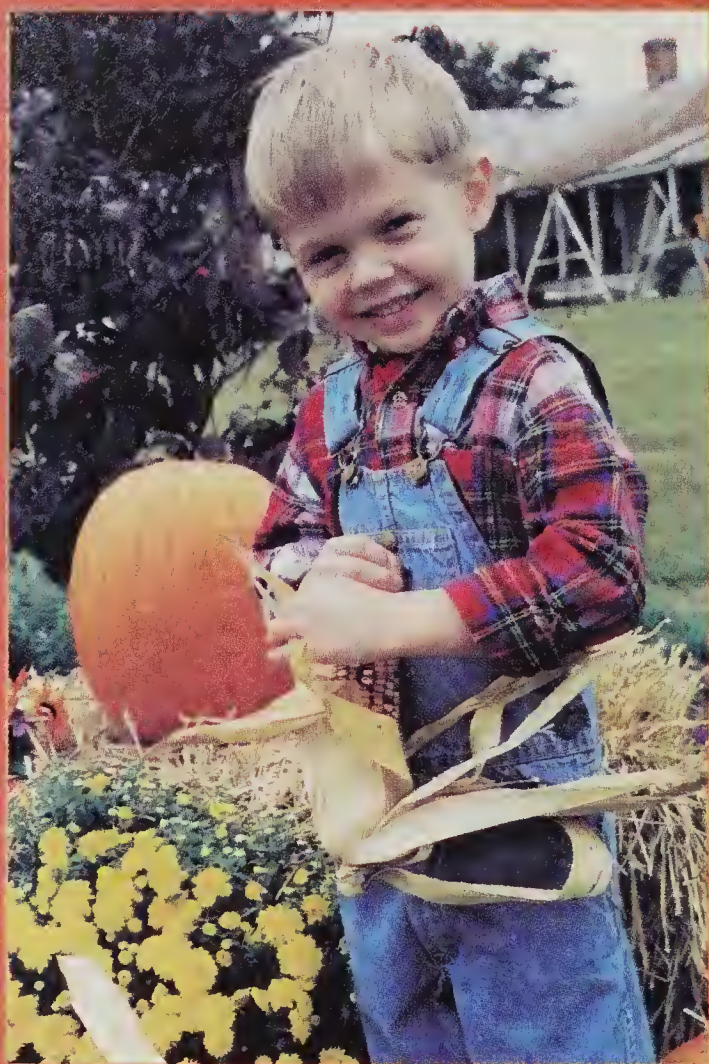


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Alex in October

Here is my son, Alex Boggs, in a picture I took in October 2000 after homecoming at our local church. The house in the background is over 100 years old and belonged to my grandparents.

Denise Boggs
Roseboro

Michigan Bulb declares bankruptcy

Carolina Country recently learned that the parent company of one of our advertisers — Michigan Bulb — has filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 and, as a result, Michigan Bulb is not processing orders. Carolina Country regrets the hardship this causes readers and the magazine. — MG

Do you need the double-throw switch?

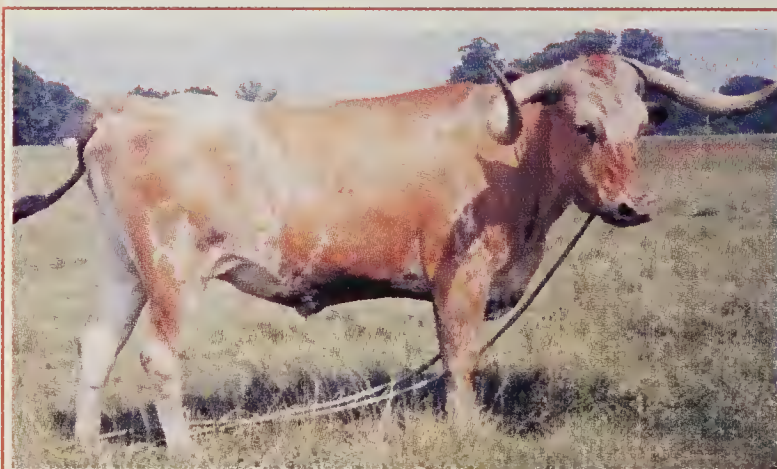
Lunsford Long of Chapel Hill called us about our guide to operating a portable electric generator ["How to Operate a Portable Generator Safely," September 2002]. He asked why he couldn't simply shut off the main breaker to his house while running the generator, rather than installing a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch between the generator and your utility power.

The Job Training & Safety Department of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives advises installing the double-pole, double-throw transfer switch to prevent any dangerous backfeeding of electricity that could occur once normal power is restored. Also, you should consult both your homeowner's insurance agent and your local government's electrical inspector.

Lotus can be aggressive

I was reading Mr. Smith's gardening guide in the September issue. He suggests some plants for water gardens, one of which is "lotus." After the experience we had with this plant, I think readers should know about the aggressive nature it has. It will cover and crowd out about all other plants, and it is hard as well as expensive to get rid of. We had to use "Rodeo," and will need to follow up as any seeds germinate over the next three years.

Charles Conner
Hayesville
Blue Ridge Mountain EMC



"Where d'y'all want this hose?"

Our mischievous Texas Longhorn steer, Spec, decided to carry around the garden hose. Maybe he thought he might get thirsty.

Rex and Cathy Parker
Lincolnton
Rutherford EMC

What's in there?

I can just imagine opening these big barn doors and finding bushel baskets overloaded with cool, crisp apples. This is a barn at Latta Plantation Park.

Lynne Chandler
Matthews
Union Power
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No vigil necessary

"Nurses Who Work for Churches" [September 2002] recalls the story told by our Lutheran minister friend upon return from his latest assignment as an exchange pastor in Germany. Over there, it has long been the practice of the church to employ a nurse to serve the needs of the congregation. One evening, he received a call from the nurse that an elderly member of the congregation was unlikely to live through the night. He went immediately to join the nurse at the tiny, one bedroom, one-bed apartment of the ailing parishioner and wife, to offer comfort, administer last rites, and await the end, which came near midnight.

Since no undertaking establishment would open until morning, both pastor and nurse offered to sit with the widow until then. She would have none of it and ushered them out, declaring with complete courage and confidence, "Johann has not hurt me in fifty years; he will not hurt me tonight!"

Whereupon, it was later learned, she lay down beside Johann, got a good night's sleep, and was up the next morning, refreshed and ready to face the responsibilities of arranging her deceased husband's funeral.

Ruth Meyer
Maggie Valley

Molasses and children

I wonder if there is anyone around that lived on a farm and can remember molasses-making time in North Carolina.

I lived on a farm growing up. My family had a can grinding mill and a boiler where we made molasses. Farmers from nearby would come in their wagon to our house to make molasses. It would take them all day to make molasses, so they would bring everything they needed for the entire day and a basket of food.

I remember a mule that was hitched to the grinding mill pole. He would walk slowly around and around all day pulling the grinding mill pole.

Molasses making was an exciting time for the children. We would see people that we had not seen for a while. The children were not allowed to come near the boiler. They were told to stay back at a safe distance. I guess molasses-making was dangerous. A man would make wooden paddle spoons for the children, and when all of the molasses was out of the boiler and poured into the containers, the children would come with their wooden spoons and eat the molasses that was left in the boiler. We thought it was so good.

The old grinding mill, the mule, and all of the people are gone now, but if we will let our minds and our memories go back to those long ago days, we might hear someone telling the children, "stay way back now, stay way back."

Nell L. Warlick
Lincolnton
Rutherford EMC

On the job

The old wise tale that scarecrows will keep crows out of the garden is true. I made these mobile, life-size scarecrows for our garden and we didn't have any problems with crows or other animals. They look so life-like that people would drive by and do a double-take. On a windy day the scarecrows would be at work, arms moving in the wind, scaring off the birds. Now that their stand-up summer job is completed, Mr. and Mrs. Scarecrow are resting on a bench waving to people who pass by and waiting for next year's garden.

Betty Honeycutt
Troy
Randolph EMC



My favorite redbone hound dog

It was a cool fall evening and I was at my grandfather's. He fed our dogs early, and gave them more than usual. We were going hunting that night. We got out our winter coats and caps, found our flashlights, loaded the dogs in the truck. We waited until dusk to go. I rode in front with Old Red.

Red was old and boney. You couldn't see his eyes for the wrinkles over them. I smoothed his wrinkles back and looked into his bloodshot eyes and thought nothing could disturb us. From that instant, something passed between us.

When we arrived, Old Red leaned out and started searching the field immediately. I let the other dogs loose, and they took after him. I had to listen for a bark, because my Granddad served in World War II and lost most of his hearing in the war. Sure enough as twice two is four, they struck a hot track.

They ran the coon for 20 minutes, and they treed it. We rushed as fast as we could. It was rough going. When we got there, I spotted the coon right off the bat. His eyes sparkled against the dark night sky. Old Red reared up on the tree. He has the best reputation in the county. The strangest thing was, just when I thought it was time to go, he acted like he was ready to go. I realized then what had passed between us.

I never told any one about it until now. This is the story about the most special animal I ever knew. Old Red was a pup when my grandfather gave him to me.

James Robbins
Cleron Mills

James Robbins was 10 years old and in fourth grade at Pinnacle school when he got Old Red. He lives on his PaPaw's farm. He has been with the family for over 20 years. He is a great hunter and a great farmer. He has a hill with 1,000 acres of land for hunting. He has a farm with 100 acres of land and has been with the family for over 20 years. He has a hill with 1,000 acres of land for hunting. He has a farm with 100 acres of land and has been with the family for over 20 years.

So adorable

The little girl on your September cover is so adorable! I had to take the magazine around and show it to everyone here. And the pictures inside are so great, too.

Gloria Dewitt
FC&A
Peachtree City, Ga.



On Bluiitt Falls Lake

I was driving the boat and took this picture with my other hand. It is my friend Tim Berry skiing on Bluiitt Falls Lake on Rockingham one evening after work.

Bruce Lynch
Laurel Hill



Big hens and bitties

I wanted to share this picture of my extra-large "hens and bitties." This miniature wheelbarrow measures about 30 inches long, including handles, and 11 inches tall. The largest flower measures 8 inches across and 7 inches tall.

Jannie M. Williamson
Carthage
Randolph EMC



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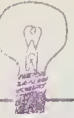
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Got talent? Let's see it

North Carolina's Touchstone Energy electric cooperatives have joined forces with Smith Productions of Charlotte and the UNC-TV network for a 13-episode series revival of "Carolina Calling," a variety show that will spotlight native North Carolina music and talent.

The series is scheduled to air in Spring 2002 on UNC-TV, North Carolina's only statewide television network. UNC-TV is shown on 260 cable systems in North Carolina and on Cox Cable in Norfolk, Virginia. The program also will be shown on WUNG, Channel 58, on Time Warner Cable in Charlotte.

"Carolina Calling" is interested in discovering new talent and will host five regional Touchstone Energy Carolina Calling Talent Searches.

The first talent search will be conducted in Union County on Oct. 11 at the Hannah Covington McGee Theatre at Wingate University. Wingate is four miles east of Monroe off Highway 74. The program begins at 7 p.m. and will be kicked off by country music legend Arthur Smith and the Crackerjacks. The show is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Arthur "Guitar Boogie" Smith is one of country music's seminal figures. He inspired several generations of country musicians through his television program, "The Arthur Smith Show," which aired from 1951 to 1982 and was this country's first syndicated country music show.

A second talent show will be in the western part of the state later in October and in central North Carolina in early November. The fourth talent show will be in the eastern part of the state in December and the final talent search will be in the northeastern part of the state in early January. The locations of these talent shows will be announced and posted on the North Carolina electric cooperatives website (www.ncemcs.com).

All North Carolina residents are eligible. Entry blanks can be downloaded from the North Carolina electric cooperatives site. All entries and an audio or videotape must be mailed to Smith Productions, P. O. Box 472341, Charlotte, NC 28247. For additional information, call Clay Smith (704) 366-9384.



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North Carolina teenagers place third in national environmental contest

Do you know the difference between point and non-point sources of water pollution? These high school kids do, and they offer economically feasible and ecologically viable solutions to both problems.

Their team, the Sub-Chronic Exposure, from Enloe High School in Raleigh placed third at the 2001 National Canon Envirothon, held this summer in Mississippi (beating out 49 other teams from across the country and Canada). The team won the 2001 North Carolina Environthon before heading to the national competition. They became the first team from North Carolina to place in the top three at the national event, and earned first place in the oral presentation portion, in which they discussed point and non-point water pollution.

Each team member received a \$1,000 college scholarship. Members included: Carrie Cornelius, Tyler Hannah, Leslie Morefield, John Nader and Robin Sinhababu. Chad Ogren, an A.P. environmental science teacher at Enloe, served as team advisor.

Wake County Soil & Conservation, Area IV Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the N.C. Association of Conservation Districts and the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resource - Division of Soil & Water Conservation co-sponsored the team's efforts.

The answer: point source water pollution means pollution routed directly to a body of water, such as with discharge pipes, which can be readily identified and measured. Non-point source water pollution covers pollutants that come from many sources, with no obvious direct point of entry to a body of water, such as rainfall run-off that gathers and deposits sediment, fertilizer and such into creeks, lakes and other water sources as it moves across land.



The winning environmental team includes (left to right): Tyler Hannah, Carrie Cornelius, Leslie Morefield, John Nader, Robin Sinhababu and Team Advisor Chad Ogren.

You can watch the Poletop Rescue competition at this year's State Fair



The 8th Pole-Top Rescue Competition will be held this year at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds beginning at 11 a.m. on Oct. 18. The safety competition will test rescue skills of electric cooperative linemen from 25 cooperatives across the state. Each lineman will scale a pole to 20 feet, lower a 120-pound dummy, call for emergency assistance and begin lifesaving procedures. The lineman who follows all safety procedures correctly and who has the fastest time wins \$1,000. Last year's record time was one minute 48 seconds.

"Everybody in the state looks forward to this event because the competition is so intense," said Tommy Greer, Job Training and Safety Director for the North Carolina Association of Electric

Cooperatives and former Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation lineman. "We all understand that these life-saving skills are the most important a lineman must have and pray will never have to use."

Touchstone Energy tattoos, safety demonstrations and other activities for children will be featured during the competition.



State-by-state update on deregulating the electricity market

Because of the uncertainties of how the deregulated electricity market in California will be straightened out, some states have delayed their schedules for deregulation, while others remain on course. Here is a summary.

- * **Arkansas:** The state has delayed competition until at least 2003 and possibly until 2005.
- * **California:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has ordered price caps on wholesale electricity in California and 10 other western states.
- * **Connecticut:** Lawmakers are reconsidering the state's deregulation law as competition has yet to emerge after three years and fears are growing that prices could rise sharply after price caps expire in 2003.
- * **Florida:** A bill to deregulate the wholesale market failed to make it out of committee this spring. Gov. Jeb Bush favors steady progress toward deregulation.
- * **Idaho:** In a state that has decided to go slow on deregulation, Idaho Power spent \$300 per megawatt hour to buy electricity on the wholesale market this past winter compared with \$26.56 a year before.
- * **Illinois:** An undeveloped wholesale market is seen as a threat to consumers when rate caps expire in 2005.
- * **Kansas:** Shelved deregulation activities this year.
- * **Maryland:** Consumers this year were allowed to choose among power suppliers, but the choice is limited and switching has been miniscule.
- * **Massachusetts:** Regulators allowed utilities to increase their rates for new customers on Jan. 1 to compensate for the higher cost of wholesale power. Then, on May 1, because of higher costs for buying power and federal requirements for power reserves, Massachusetts Electric Co. raised new-customer rates again by 23 percent, commercial rates by 47 percent and industrial rates by 69 percent and made a budget plan available to commercial and industrial users for the first time.
- * **Montana:** The 1997 restructuring law required a cap on retail rates during a transition period that runs through mid-2002. Meanwhile, paper companies, mines and other large industrial companies were laying off workers this summer in an attempt to deal with skyrocketing electricity prices. One mining company paid \$320 a megawatt hour for power in May compared with \$26 in January.
- * **Nevada:** The state repealed its deregulation plan in April and halted the sale of power plants by its utilities. Later, the Nevada Supreme Court upheld a bill to allow larger power customers to choose their own electricity provider.
- * **New York:** The state has urged federal regulators to put controls on its wholesale power market to curb price spikes.
- * **North Carolina:** The state's legislative study commission remains in a study mode but will not recommend legislation this year.
- * **Oklahoma:** Competition was to begin in July 2002, but the governor signed a bill this summer that eliminated a startup date and set up an advisory group to rethink the issue.
- * **Oregon:** The state's lower legislative chamber voted 48-11 to delay deregulation though not to repeal it.
- * **Pennsylvania:** The Electric Power Generation Association said this summer that Pennsylvania's electric rates were 15 percent above the national average in 1997, before Pennsylvania's deregulation law passed, and today they are one percent lower. The association added that 780,000 customers have chosen an alternative supplier and 130,000 ratepayers have opted for "green" power generated from renewable resources. Retail rates are capped and wholesale rates are not.
- * **Rhode Island:** The state legislature adopted a resolution that directs hearings on whether to amend or repeal the state's 1996 restructuring bill. The resolution observes that most Rhode Island electric consumers are now paying 30 percent more for electricity than a year ago, and that few alternative suppliers are operating in the state.
- * **South Carolina:** A bill introduced in 2000 would allow retail choice within three years, but there has been no activity on it.
- * **Tennessee:** No significant activity.
- * **Texas:** A pilot program was launched two months behind schedule on July 31 and experienced delays due to computer problems. California caused lawmakers some concerns, but they were reassured the same problems couldn't happen in Texas, which has abundant supplies and its own electric grid.
- * **Virginia:** The schedule remains to begin competition among power suppliers on Jan. 1.

Electric cooperatives call for an "interstate highway" national transmission system

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has called for the development of a fully interconnected national grid for the transmission of electricity. NRECA's Chief Executive Officer Glenn English has suggested that Congress examine the way electric power, traded at the wholesale level, is moved from region to region.

"The current system is inadequate," said English. "As currently configured, we depend upon the many independent transmission networks, developed for local service and reliability, to support the regional movement of huge blocks of power. This is interstate commerce on a grand scale," he said. "We are in essence running fleets of tractor trailers over two-lane roads rather than on the interstate highway."

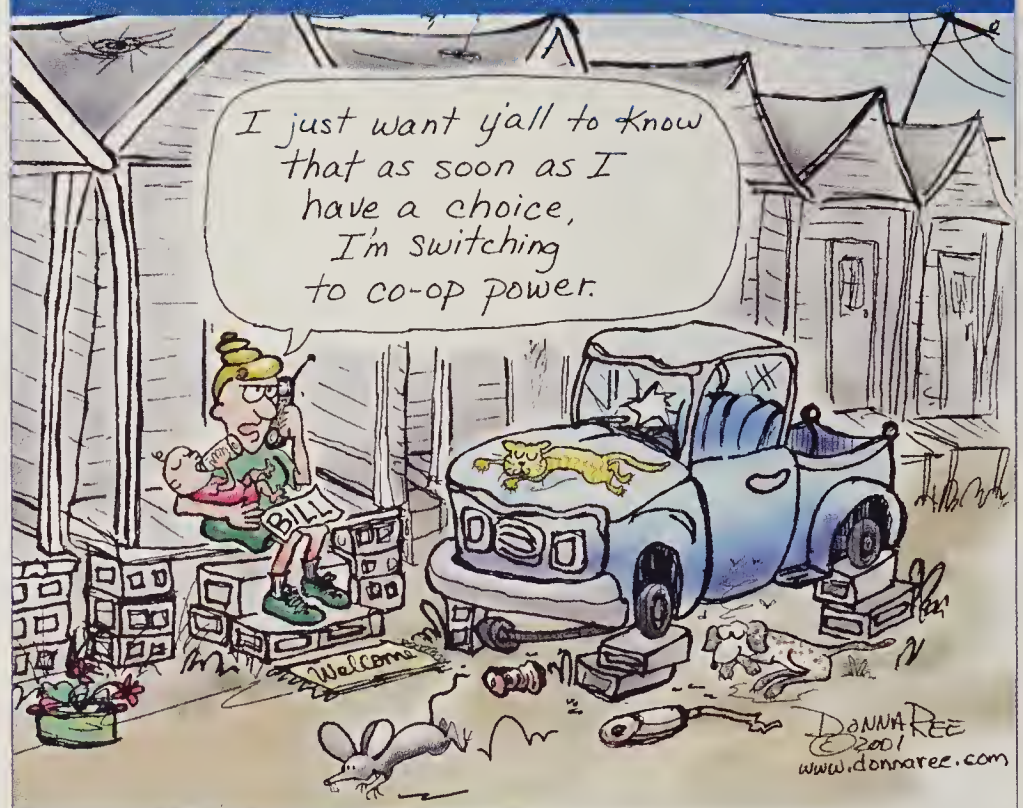
English cited the Bush Administration's energy plan, which recognizes the need for a transmission system capable of moving large quantities of power throughout the nation, much like the interstate highway system. "In fact, such a national grid should be built in much the same fashion as the highways, with local ownership, but meeting federal standards and operating under federal rules," he said.

English urged lawmakers to "take a fresh approach: develop a plan that enables anyone to build regionally approved transmission lines that enhance the national grid, keeps transmission priced at low, cost-of-service rates with a reasonable return on investment, and insures that transmission is built and operated for the benefit of consumers."

In testimony before Congress this summer, English commented on a range of rural economic development issues: a proposed new federal/private partnership program that would encourage private financial investments in rural communities; the benefit of Broadband Internet access in helping close the distance between rural America and the external markets, employment, and educational opportunities available in urban areas; and bio-based products and bio-energy to create new uses for agricultural products and new businesses for rural America.

Light Lines

by DonnaRee



Wholesale energy trading center sets up shop here

A major wholesale energy trading and marketing corporation will set up regional offices in the Research Triangle Park area of Raleigh/Durham this year. ACES Power Marketing LLC is opening an East Regional Trading Center, employing about 20 people when fully operational by January 2002. ACES provides wholesale energy trading and marketing services for 15 power supply organizations, including North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) which serves North Carolina's co-ops. Others that will benefit from the regional center are Old Dominion Electric Cooperative in Richmond and Oglethorpe Power Corporation in Atlanta.

"This is a major step for our organization," said Michael Steffes, ACES Vice President for Energy Trading & Marketing. "The combination of the three generation and transmission companies into one trading unit will create a significant presence in the eastern region of the United States."

The ACES business strategy is unusual in the energy marketing and trading industry in that it operates as an energy hedge fund manager, developing strategies and managing trade execution for multiple entities as their agent.

NCEMC, headquartered in Raleigh, is a \$1.2 billion power supply cooperative serving 26 electric distribution cooperatives with a peak load of approximately 3,000 megawatts. NCEMC and its member distribution cooperatives serve over 800,000 customers. NCEMC has annual revenues of approximately \$650 million.

ACES was initially formed to provide an alternative to electric cooperatives interested in achieving economic efficiencies and in limiting their portfolio risk by federating their power supply and marketing services. Headquartered in Indianapolis, ACES began its operations in February of 1999 and is owned by seven power supply organizations: Buckeye Power Inc., East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, and Wabash Valley Power Association.

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Your favorite North Carolina restaurants

**"If ketchup had a voice, it
would thank you for dipping these
onion rings into it."**

"Home cookin'" has a lot to do with it, but it's not the only reason you like a particular restaurant. Many of you who sent in stories about your favorite North Carolina restaurant prefer those that serve food like your mama makes. The biscuits are like hers, the mashed potatoes and gravy are like hers, and maybe you can get a second helping.

But you give other reasons why you like one place or another. Some restaurants are the best place in the community to get news or see your neighbors. Some price their menu so low that you can't afford not to eat there. Some offer live entertainment, whether it's intentional or not. And some cafes and grills and lunch joints have been around so long that you figure they must be the best.

Thanks to everyone who sent in stories. We've published the judges' selection on these pages and have placed more on our Web site at www.carolinacountry.com. Next month we'll run a selection of your ideas about "the best thing that ever happened to North Carolina." (Deadline was Sept. 15.)

The Carolina Country staff really enjoys seeing these submissions to our "Nothing Could Be Finer" series. We figure it helps us in the cooperative family to get to know one another across the state. But we've carried the series every month since 1998, and we wondered this year if it's run its course. Then we said, "Naw.

Let's keep it up." So there's a new set of themes for 2002 on page 17. We encourage you all to send us your stories and pictures. We pay \$50 for those we publish. And as we've said all along, you don't have to be a great writer, just tell it from your heart.

— Michael E.C. Gery

South 21 Drive-In Charlotte

South 21 is less than one laden swallow's flight from Ovens Auditorium and Independence Arena. It's an old drive-in. You pull up beside a little stand with a menu and a microphone, park, roll down your window and place your order. Soon, out comes a carhop-type guy with the trademark South 21 black fedora hat and red jacket (no matter how hot it is) to deliver the food to your car. Then the fun begins.

Now, this is just a drive-in, not some fancy-shmancy place with tables and coasters and a four-star European menu. It is the great American burger joint, and the old standbys are all in attendance. The two most-advertised entrees are the "Super Boy" deluxe burger, with all the traditional trimmings; and the Fish-O-Burger, which is two pieces of Leviathan-sized fish somehow piled neatly onto a miniscule bun. Cue the saliva. The chicken sandwiches are good, the fries are good, the cheeseburgers are some of the best I've ever had, and the milkshakes are so tasty

you'll think it's a crime to enjoy it. Seriously. But the onion rings outshine everything.

South 21's onion rings are the only correct way to prepare onions. Period. Whether it's a Bloomin' Onion, diced onions on a hamburger, etc., stop now; you're doing it wrong. All else is but a pale and tarnished reflection. Sweet, crunchy, golden brown, circle-shaped slices of bliss. Oh, South 21's onion rings. They are my love, my life, my soul. For God so loved the South 21's onion rings that he gave his only begotten South 21's onion rings, so that whosoever believes in them shall not perish, but have eternal South 21's onion rings. Ketchup, if it had a voice, would thank you for dipping South 21's onion rings into it.

South 21, with its drive-in atmosphere and its food, will always hold a place in my heart (or more specifically, the places where the arteries are getting clogged from too many visits to South 21).

Travis Oates
Matthews
Union Power

South 21 Drive-In

The Drive-In opened in 1955 and is family-owned and operated. Their food is just as good now as it was in the beginning. Also, if you have ever eaten there before and call in a carry-out order, they will probably know who you are without asking your name.

Cheryl Ollis
Charlotte
Union Power



Morning regulars gathered and, without asking, were handed a mug of coffee. They joined friends and neighbors under swirling cigarette smoke and discussed the latest news, the sick, the dying, Friday night's football game, politics, the weather and crops.

Candy boxes crowded by the cash register counter along with Alka-Seltzer packages, pocket combs, Goody Headache powder, Nabs, and punch board. Behind stood a gleaming, steaming, giant coffee maker.

Idle Hour Café will not rank with five-star restaurants snuggled among the pines in the Triangle or at the beach. But it was the place in Scotland Neck for friends among friends.

Sadly, Idle Hour Café closed a few years ago. It could not survive the McDonalds, the Hardees and the Burger Kings. But yet something is missing. Our youth, our best friend.

Idle Hour Café – we will not forget you.

W.L. Cochran Jr.
Washington
Tideland EMC

Daniel Boone Inn Boone

The Daniel Boone Inn in Boone is like no other restaurant. There is not a menu; you don't have to deal with the hassle of ordering. What you have for dinner is whatever is cooking in the kitchen.

This place is just like paying to eat at grandma's house. You sit down and people come out with armfuls of food. They lay out all of the food on the table in front of you and tell you that if you need anything just holler. They aren't lying either. You just tell somebody you need some more food and soon as you turn around it's on the table. The food at the Daniel Boone Inn is the greatest. It is just good Southern cooking.

Jeffrey Atkinson
Matthews
Union Power

Idle Hour Café, formerly in Scotland Neck

The fading sign marking the Idle Hour Café caught our attention. Reminiscent of the 40s and 50s, swivel counter stools, tables and booths, serving breakfast, lunch and supper. Cinnamon toast with a mug of steaming coffee or ham, eggs and grits, BLT, fried steak, French fries, butter beans, mashed potatoes and sweet tea were daily fare.

Browning's Grill Roanoke Rapids

When the people of Roanoke Rapids want a good hot dog this is where they go: Browning's Grill. They come to your car and take your order. You can eat in your car or on picnic tables they have out front. They sell other foods, but everyone goes there for the hot dogs. They have been in business for over 32 years.

Rebecca Brown
Roanoke Rapids
Roanoke Electric Cooperative



The Café Cullowhee

Fifty-five years ago, Berlin Ashe opened the Cullowhee Café beside the small campus of Western Carolina Teachers College. WCU is now 6,500 students and Cullowhee has changed, but "the café" is still going strong. They still hand peel 50 pounds of "taters" every morning, make milk gravy the old timey way, and always ask food salesmen which product is the best one.

There is a running conversation among customers about the news, weather or why Western passed on a fourth and one rather than run.

The owners, into their fourth generation, never rush anything. Even their hamburgers are carefully assembled however you want them. Most customers never look at the menu, they already know it's Friday and fish day (yes, some restaurants still do that). I used to love their Philly Steak sandwich until a new waitress informed me that it's never been on the menu. Mr. Ashe told me that he knew how to make it, and besides, "nobody ever orders anything that's on the menu."

The customers are loggers, students and tourists all enjoying the fruits of 35 years of customer service. When Preacher Powell says his blessing out loud, all eating stops and heads bow down.

Sunday nights used to mean cold cuts at the cafeteria at Western. Students would wrap up all the "makins" and head to the café where Mr. Ashe would grill it up and serve it proper for 10 cents. Generations of WCU students still drop by to have stew beef, BBQ or their favorite meal, because it's still made the way they remember it.

It ain't exactly the food, or the place...it's...well, it's just the café.

Norman West
Cullowhee
Haywood EMC

Mrs. Wenger's Sanford

The finest restaurant in North Carolina is Mrs. Wenger's Restaurant at 105 Charlotte Ave, in Sanford.

I am 78 years old. I have worked there as a waitress since 1968. We serve country foods. We have three rooms and space at the counter. We serve a lot of homemade biscuits. Some time in the 70s some newsmen from Raleigh came to judge the biscuits made in Sanford. Wenger's Restaurant won for the best biscuits.

When some people retire from the plants in Sanford they come to Wenger's for a reunion meal.

At Christmas time we always have a lot of country ham and sausage biscuits to go out. Nancy Riddle owns the restaurant, and she is a good boss lady.

Monnie Sullivan
Lillington
South River EMC

Midway Grill or Restaurant Moore County

Where do you go between Robbins and Carthage? Midway, of course. When you feel the need for a ham and egg biscuit so big you have to save half for lunch. When you've worked hard all day and you're just too tired to even open your kitchen door. When you have such a craving for a club sandwich and a glass of tea, you would actually load up four kids and in the van and take them in for a sit down dinner because you can always get the big table in the back. When you feel the need for conversation because everybody knows everybody at Midway. Raynelle and Robert Allred will greet you with a smile and you just have to tip the waitress because she never forgets to bring extra napkins and put lids on the tea for the kids.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday are Midway days. The rest are just bologna and cheese.

Frances Callicutt
Carthage
Randolph EMC



Snappy Lunch Mt. Airy

Snappy Lunch in Mt. Airy has been around a long time but was made famous through its mention on "The Andy Griffith Show." It's quaint, sort of rustic, filled with memorabilia of old days in Mt. Airy and filled with friendly folks. The food is great. They make the best pork chop sandwiches ever.

You can sit back in the booth, enjoy the food and converse with friends. You just have to look around to see pictures of famous people who have visited the little diner. It's not unusual to see a tour bus parked in front and sightseers disembarking to sink their teeth into one of those famous sandwiches. I'm a hometown girl, and I really enjoy visiting and eating there.

Gaye Goins
Dobson
Surry-Yadkin EMC

Doris and Roger's Kitchen Gates County

Doris and Roger's Kitchen is located in Gates County on Highway 13, three miles south of the Virginia state line. They serve up good home cooking with a smile, usually prepared by Doris and Roger Shingleton themselves. The food is "like mama makes" and the portions are generous. You even get a choice of complimentary desserts with your meal, as well as hushpuppies and biscuits.

While you wait for your food to arrive, you can study the old photos and collectibles that are on display. Here the fellowship is as important as the food. You meet with friends, catch up on local happenings and greet fortunate travelers who stop in for a bite. Teachers meet for lunch on workdays and farmers come in to eat and talk about the weather and the crops. People representing all denominations congregate there after church for Sunday lunch. Families and classmates unite for reunions. Birthdays are often celebrated there, too. Doris will even prepare a specially decorated cake for the occasion.

Everyone goes away full and fulfilled because of the warmth, hominess and hospitality found at Doris and Roger's Kitchen.

Linda P. Lane
Gatesville
Roanoke Electric Cooperative

Greenfield Restaurant Ashe County

Greenfield Restaurant in the beautiful mountains of Ashe County is located in a real old homeplace, beautifully decorated in mountain charm. They have all kinds of good food including country ham, fried chicken, steaks, home-cooked vegetables and a wonderful salad bar. You can buy a small vegetable plate or a full course meal. Prices are very reasonable, waitresses very courteous and on Friday nights a local band is always there. You can eat and then take in good music.

Lots of folks come up from far away and have a good meal and enjoy the mountains. When my church group comes up they are always ready for Greenfield.

Glenn O. Martin
Todd
Blue Ridge EMC



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The Midway

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PBS series follows Charlotte TV news team

"Local News . . . One Station Fights the Odds" is a new five-part documentary series that depicts a Charlotte TV station's efforts to lift its ratings out of third place, while simultaneously improving its journalistic standards. A behind-the-scenes look at WCNC-TV, Charlotte's NBC affiliate, the series follows the daily drama of reporters, news managers, and community members struggling to find a better way for local TV to impart the news.



Reporter Glenn Counts (left) of WCNC-TV news.
© Ali Pomeroy

"Local News" is a co-production of Lumiere Productions and Thirteen/WNET New York. It will air on PBS October 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6 at 10:00 p.m. (check local listings).

Ever wanted to be an astronaut?

Childhood fantasies of rocketing through space can be fulfilled in Charlotte at Discovery Place's newest exhibit: International Space Station: The Earth Tour.

The International Space Station is the largest international peacetime project in the history of the world, involving 16 nations. The station is being assembled piece-by-piece, like a puzzle in the Earth's orbit, until all 100 components are in place. The total cost of the project is estimated to be between \$35 and \$37 billion. When it is completed in 2006, it will be the second brightest object in the night sky, second only to the moon.



Through the use of hands-on demonstrations, simulations, models, audiovisuals and stage presentations, International Space Station: The Earth Tour examines how teams of international scientists live and work for extended periods of time in the harsh environment of space.

From undergoing space training and working in "weightlessness," to docking a space shuttle and experiencing the thrill of takeoff, visitors learn about the International Space Station by participating in every facet of the journey.

Admission to Discovery Place is \$6.50 for ages 13-59, \$5 for ages 6-12 and 59+, \$2.75 for ages 3-5 and free for children under 3. The OMNIMAX theatre is an additional \$4 per person.

After Jan. 5, the exhibit leaves Charlotte and travels the world.

Realtor-turned-artist in Jamestown

After 33 years as a realtor, Shirley deLong switched tracks to do more of what she loves — painting. Toward the end of last year, deLong opened "The Olde Jamestowne Art Gallery" in Jamestown, and displayed her talented paintings of flowers, old cabins, landscapes and seascapes. Although she may still sell an occasional house for a friend, deLong



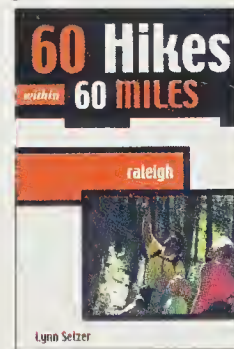
plans to spend the majority of her time painting.

DeLong's limited edition reproductions are each signed and numbered. Only 950 of each will be created and then the plate destroyed. The prints range in price, starting at \$50.

For more information, visit www.oldejamestowneart.com to view her art and access an order form. You can also call deLong at (336) 454-5040 or e-mail sddelong@prodigy.net.

Getting active in North Carolina's great outdoors

Lace up your hiking boots, grab some granola and head for the woods with the book "60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Raleigh" as your guide. The book contains dozens of prime hiking destinations, all within an hour's drive or less of Raleigh.



From short to long hikes and wildlife to historic hikes, this book covers essential details, including maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times and descriptions of the trail itself.

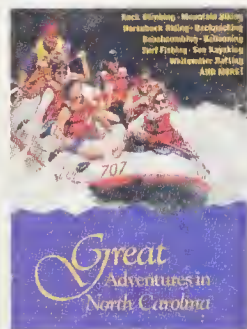
If you're up for a unique adventure that extends beyond the realm of hiking, pick up "Great Adventures in North Carolina." You may discover some trips that you never would have guessed existed in the state, including:

- Sea kayaking in the waters near Beaufort
- Panning for rubies
- Experiencing the thrill of stock car racing at 165 mph
- Braving the chilly temperatures of a natural water slide

With more than 30 trip and treks to choose from, you'll find something to quench your taste for adventure.

Author of both books, Lynn Setzer, is a North Carolina native who lives in Raleigh and writes travel articles for the "News & Observer." She has written other novels, including, "A Season on the Appalachian Trail."

You can find Setzer's books at local bookstores, retailing for \$15.95 or try www.amazon.com.



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Saturday's Barn

by Gene Corpening



**Having
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but we did.**

I grew up in the small town of Granite Falls, N.C., in a house that was located just two blocks from the center of the business district. Even though our home was located almost literally in the center of town, back in those pre-World War II days, people could keep all types of farm animals inside the city limits. Dad was a country doctor, but to see the many buildings and animals kept on the lot, you would have thought he was trying to be a farmer. On less than an acre we had a 13-room house with porch and annex, two pigpens, two woodsheds, a chicken coop, a coal shed, a smoke house and a large barn.

Maybe nothing can be more unsophisticated than a pigpen, but to mother, the huge unpainted barn was the great eyesore. It was an affront to her sense of pride and beauty.

I saw the barn quite differently. Of course, I had as yet no great appreciation of

beauty. Being located in the center of town, the barn was a natural headquarters for my schoolmates, especially on Saturdays. I've always regretted never having taken a picture of some of the gang posed in front of the barn, maybe with some sitting in the window loft above with their legs dangling. Selecting a title for the photograph would have been easy: "Saturday's Barn."

When we played in the loft you could have guessed what cowboy had starred at the local theater recently, because everyone shouted to take that hero's identity. We called out, "I'm Buck Jones" or "I'm Ken Maynard," and it was first caller take all. And if a cowboy star had some particularly admirable trait, such as being the fastest gun, he got a lot of votes for imitation. Tim McCoy, thought to be the fastest, was a favorite – until the next Saturday matinee. Having practically no rules or goals to guide us, I have no idea in the world how we had

so much fun, but we did.

Naturally, we tried to imitate the things our heroes did in the movies, such as jumping up on a horse.

Having no horse,

we used bales of hay. And one day as I prepared to accomplish this jumping feat, I began backing up

to get a running start, and I backed right out the hayloft window. Your guess is as good as mine why I didn't get hurt plummeting one story to the ground, but I didn't. Well, nothing got hurt except my pride. That stunt, you might say, sort of backfired. I became famous all right, but in an unexpected way, and quickly decided that fame wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

One autumn, the barn loft was filled with an extra large supply hay bales, and our group took the challenge. Using the bales as building blocks, we carefully constructed a huge castle – or fort – it could be anything you wanted it to be. Not exactly an engineering marvel, it was to us a masterpiece nevertheless. Thank goodness, it never caved in on us.

Back then I had a pretty nice collection of lead toy soldiers, and money being hard to come by, I came up with a brilliant idea. The barn's tin roof was held down with nails that had large lead caps, so I figured I could afford to buy a little Plaster of Paris and use it to make molds from a couple of my favorite toy soldiers. And then, if enough of those nail heads from the barn's roof could be collected, I would have enough lead to melt down and pour into my molds and – bingo! – have more soldiers. It was a perfectly sound idea. So I proceeded to collect a bucket of lead and did succeed in producing a few soldiers. It wasn't young Thomas Edison at his best, but I was proud of myself. And then I did a little thinking. Do you suppose those nail heads served some purpose? By chance, were they supposed to keep the tin sheets of the roof from blowing away? It was a troubling thought. But I was lucky. The roof never did blow away. And I was really lucky about

something else – I never did tell Dad what I'd done.

When you have an old barn full of various types of animal feed, you

Dad was a country doctor, but to see the many buildings and animals kept on the lot, you would have thought he was trying to be a farmer.

will have rats. We had a plague of rats. So one day, Mr. McGillen, one of the town's merchants, decided to lend a hand. He brought over his pet ferret, thinking it might scare the rats away. Well, maybe it didn't scare them away, but it surely did scare them. When the rats caught the scent of that ferret, one of their deadliest enemies, they definitely got upset. I looked into one of the barn's rooms, which was half-filled with unshucked corn, and watched a huge rat pop up out of a hole and scamper across the corn and dive into a second hole. In just seconds, the ferret popped out of the same first hole and followed the rat's trail across the corn and dived into the second hole. Later, I looked into a stable and noticed something furry trying to emerge from a hole at ground level. It was the ferret coming out backwards, and he was dragging a large rat that might have been larger than he was. The rat was squealing and thrashing about, desperately trying to break loose, and, after a moment of wrestling, it did manage to break free and quickly scamper away. Ferrets are extremely nearsighted, so this deadly assassin probably had no idea what had happened to the rat, but it didn't matter. The ferret methodically set out to find a new victim. The next day, Mr. McGillen came by and picked up his pet, and I'm sure the rats, some maybe suffering from a nervous breakdown, were extremely grateful.

As Granite Falls continued to grow, it passed city ordinances forbidding the raising of livestock, pigs and chickens inside the city limits, and all those out buildings suddenly became nothing more than specks of history. Mother was ready to seize the moment. She razed all of the outbuildings

except one woodshed, the coal shed and the rather charming log cabin smokehouse. Seeing that huge eyesore barn finally brought to the ground,

and every plank and two-by-four hauled away, filled her heart with pleasure. She then set out to construct the backyard of her dreams, and the result

was a showplace yard and garden. When everything was finished, near one of the boxwoods she placed a stone on the ground bearing John Keats' famous line: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

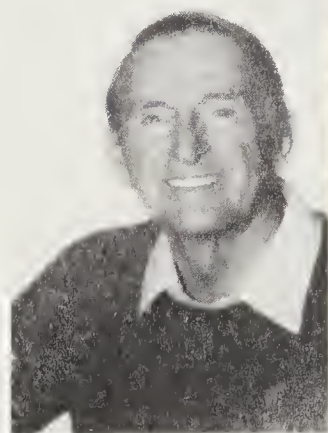
And then as the years went by, when I would sit out there in the backyard on the corner bench by the willow oak and look at the waxy green of the magnolia leaves and the flagstone walk that winds along through the yard, and the flower beds with their pink roses and pastel pansies, and the boxwoods and the dogwoods and the green, green grass, I appreciated it. Mother's Dream – Mother's Dream.

There are some men who cannot caress such beauty. Perhaps their masculinity is not strong enough, but I've never had that problem.

Still, I have to confess every now and then my mind slips back to another scene, another time, and I have a tinge of ambivalent feelings. Perhaps you share what I feel, or then maybe you never played in a barn.

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Cane Creek Friends Meeting marks its 250th year in Snow Camp



Cane Creek Friends Meeting in the Alamance County community of **Snow Camp** formed at a time when Europeans had barely begun settling the English colonies of America. Driven away by Britain's intolerance for any but the more established Christians, **Quakers** came to this part of the state in the 1740s and 1750s by way of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. They formed the Cane Creek Friends Meeting in 1751, just 17 years after the state's oldest church, St. Thomas Church, was built in Bath.

As the Piedmont's oldest active Quaker Meeting community, Cane Creek will **celebrate its 250th year** during the first week of October. Each evening from Oct. 1 – 7, Cane Creek leader **Anne Thomas** will conduct Bible study at the Meeting House. On Saturday, Oct. 6, after a Genealogy Exchange in the morning, a **"Fun and Fellowship"** gathering is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. And the official Birthday Celebration begins on Sunday, Oct. 7 with a 10 a.m. worship service followed by lunch on the grounds.

The Society of Friends has established itself throughout America as a community devoted to hard work and education, **individual liberty**, equality among all people, dedication to its alternative Christian faith and to **peace** and non-violence. The Cane Creek Friends Meeting has embodied all these traits and has sent many of its own to contribute largely to North Carolina and the world. In the Snow Camp community, members built the **Sylvan in the Grove Academy** in the 1860s, which later became Sylvan High School. They built mills on Cane Creek, including the Dixon Mill foundry, Snow Camp Milling Company grist and feed mill which still stands today, and the Snow Camp Woolen Mill, which thrived until 1912. Oldtimers

today still talk of the practice of **making lye soap** used by the mill to wash sheep's wool.

Quaker heritage is evident to anyone who travels through the area between Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Asheboro, where the **peaceful landscape** and sturdy buildings speak of a spiritual, industrious and respectful association with the surroundings. And in summers since 1974, the "The Sword of Peace" historical outdoor **drama**, performed at the Snow Camp Historic Site, tells the story of a Quaker settler here, Simon Dixon, and the events he and his family encounter in the years leading to the Revolutionary War. "The Sword of Peace" since 1994 has been joined by "Pathway to Freedom," a drama about anti-slavery North Carolinians and African-Americans who helped slaves during the years before Emancipation.

Cane Creek Meeting has **published** a sesquibicentennial **book** for its 250th year. "From Whence We Came" is a 65-page pictorial history of the community's families and Snow Camp, including remembrances of many of the families. Copies are available at \$12 each plus shipping.

John C. Allen and **Bobbie Teague** co-chaired the Sesquibicentennial Committee. Bobbie Teague is author of "Cane Creek Mother of Meetings," a 160-page book of the Cane Creek community, also available for \$13.

For more information, contact Cane Creek Friends Meeting, P.O. Box 611, Snow Camp, NC 27349. Phone: (336) 376-6880. E-mail: qia@netpath.net. Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~nccmm/canecr.htm.

— Michael E.C. Gery

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"War Zone," by North Carolina filmmaker Kevin Duffus, was produced in cooperation with the new Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum on Hatteras Island. It is two 90-minute videos of archival footage and contemporary interviews showing Outer Banks people and scenes, war action at sea and related photos and film from the period. North Carolina's Gregg Gelb Swing Band arranged and performed the musical soundtrack to the film (available as a CD for \$14.95).

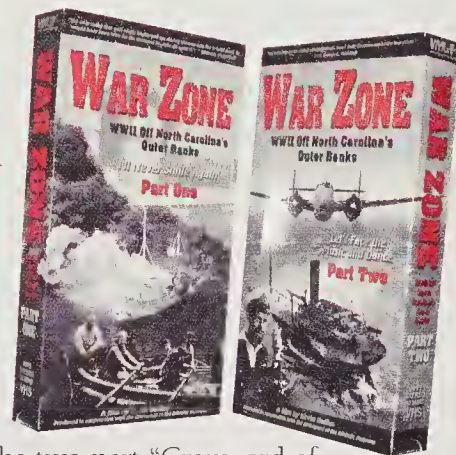
Part One, "I'll Never Smile Again," tells the stories of torpedoed Merchant sailors and young Coast Guard lifesavers unable to rescue them. A young mother delivers her newborn aboard a lifeboat in the storm-tossed Atlantic. Germany surprises America's defenses.

Part Two, "Let's Face the Music and Dance," shows how war

just offshore altered life on the Outer Banks, where corpses washed ashore, thousands of servicemen were posted and new romances and friendships developed. The film looks at legends of German spies and sympathizers and presents an eyewitness account of the first engagement between a German U-boat and U.S. Navy destroyer.

Kevin Duffus produced two other documentary films of the Outer Banks, also on videotape. The two-part "Graveyard of the Atlantic" is a historical account of how offshore shipping disasters affected the Outer Banks (\$19.95 each) and "Move of the Century" documents the building and moving of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse (\$19.95).

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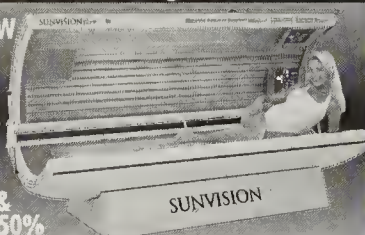
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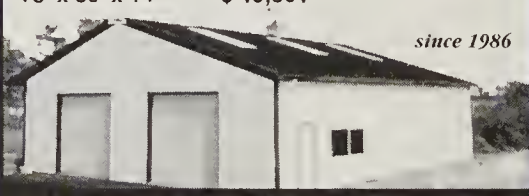
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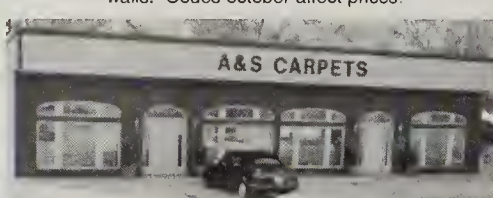
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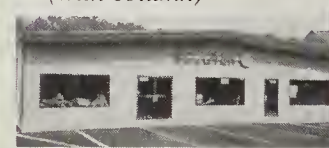
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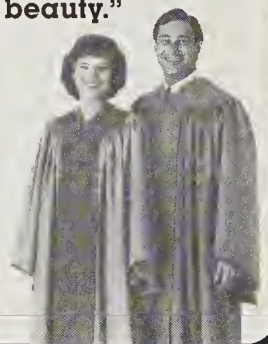
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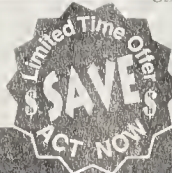
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ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 29.

Word play

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," an old saying goes. It may not be silk, but we have changed a sow's ear to a purse in three intermediate steps. Drop a letter or change a letter in each step. Letters can be rearranged in any step. Your answer may be different from ours.

1. S O W ' S E A R

2. _ _ _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ _ _

5. P U R S E

Sherri Sawtelle of Lexington was the first to send in a seven-step solution to the September "Word Play" puzzle, SUMMER to AUTUMN. Many readers beat me at my own game with eight and nine-step solutions. Thanks to all of you who took time to write. - CJ

Sherri's solution: SUMMER MUSTER MUTTERS STRATUM TANTRUM MUTANT AUTUMN

Southern exposure

Lisa Pedro entered her Italian Greyhound, Misu, in a kid's Dog Show put on by Buncombe County Recreation Services to promote a fun family day at Aston Park Tennis Center in Asheville.

Misu stumbled over a swim noodle she was supposed to vault and "pretty much did nothing" while Lisa sang "Do You Love Me?"

However, Misu "did good," according to Abigail Pedro, 13, "we didn't even start training her 'til last night."

Staff writer Jennifer Holmes told this story in the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Digit Detection

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8						X
7						X
6						
5						
4						
3						X
2	X					X
1	X					
0	X					

Given the simultaneous equations below, can you find the value of AUTUMN?

Each letter stands for a digit. Use the grid to eliminate impossibilities. i.e. No square ends in 2,3,7, or 8. Therefore N is not 2, 3, 7, or 8. No number less than 32 has a four-digit square. Therefore A is greater than 2.

$$(AU)^2 = TUMN$$

$$A + N = U$$

$$A - N = T$$

$$U - M = T$$

$$N + N = M$$

$$AUTUMN = _ _ _ _ _ _$$

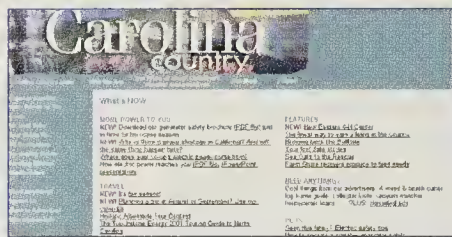
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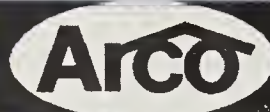
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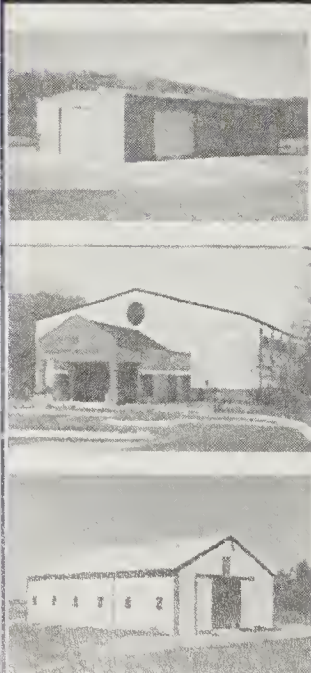


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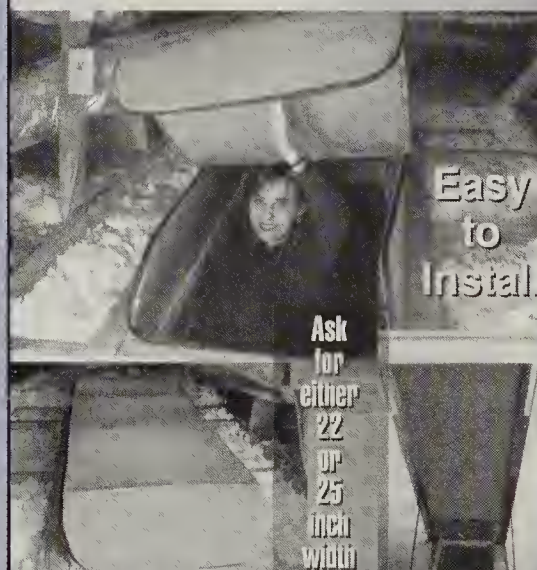
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Morganton Municipal Auditorium, "These Rare Lands" national park photos exhibit
(828) 433-7282

Cleveland County Fair

Through Oct. 6, Shelby
Cleveland County Fairgrounds
2-11 p.m., \$6/adults \$2/children, (704) 487-0651

Ashe County Arts Council

Ongoing events, Jefferson
Oct. 11, African American Dance Ensemble, 7 p.m., Blue Ridge Elementary
Oct. 20, Sonos Handbell Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.,

Ashe County High School
Oct. 25, Lenora Helm, jazz vocalist, 7:30 p.m., Ashe Arts Center, (336) 246-ARTS

Ashe Civic Center

Ongoing events, West Jefferson
Oct. 6, "Illrd Tyme Out" with "Mountain Heart," 7:30 p.m., \$15
Oct. 13, "Doc Watson" with "Alternate Roots," 7:30 p.m., \$15
Oct. 20, "Jeanette Williams Band" (formerly Clearwater), 7:30 p.m., \$10, (336) 246-4483

Octoberfest

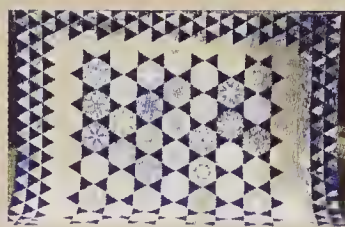
Oct. 5-6, Old Fort
Mountain Getaway Museum
(828) 668-7223

Farm City Day

Oct. 6, Henderson County
Jackson Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Farm equipment, square dancing, crafts, sheep herding
(828) 697-4884

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Oct. 12-13, Brevard
Brevard College, in the big tent
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Oct. 12-14, Shelby
Cleveland County Arts Center, 828-453-7396,
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Classic Car/Truck Show

Oct. 13, Collettsville
Hard and Flossie Clark Family Park, (828) 758-1001

Molasses Festival

Oct. 13, Granite Falls
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SCClogger@hotmail.com

Miniature Horse Race

Oct. 13, Taylorsville
1 p.m., free, (828) 632-3043

Mountain Glory Festival

Oct. 13, Marion
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., free
(828) 652-2215,
mtgloryfestival.com

Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands

Oct. 18-21, Asheville
Asheville Civic Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., \$5, (828) 298-7928

Lake Eden Arts Festival

Oct. 19-21, Black Mountain
Live music, dance, workshops, poetry, (828) 686-8742,
www.theLEAF.com



Valle Country Fair

Oct. 20, Valle Crucis
Crafts, music, baked goods
9 a.m.-4 p.m., (828) 963-4609, www.vallecountrypair.org

Famous Country Bazaar

Oct. 20, Marion
Concord United Methodist Church (off Hwy 221 N)
8 a.m. breakfast, 9:30 a.m. bazaar, (828) 756-7496

Hillbilly Comedy/Variety Show

Oct. 20, Sparta
Sparta Elementary School Auditorium, 7 p.m., \$5/\$2
(336) 372-7284

Wooly Worm Festival

Oct. 20-21, Banner Elk
(800) 972-2183

Art in the Shop

Oct. 27, Taylorsville
10 a.m.-6 p.m., Exhibition and sale of various art, live music, (828) 632-0106



Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 27, Elkin
Food, crafts, 5k run, music
(336) 526-1111

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North Carolina Museum of Art

Ongoing exhibits, Raleigh
Through Oct. 21, "Jewish Ceremonial Art"
Through Jan. 6, "Indivisible: Stories of American Community," (919) 839-6262,
www.ncartmuseum.org



Mint Museum of Art

Ongoing Exhibits, Charlotte
Through Nov. 18, "Saltglaze from the Rhineland to Randolph County"
Through April 28, 2002, "Ansel Adams: The Man Who Captured the Earth's Beauty Part II"
Oct. 16, "History of Meissen," lecture by docent Bernette Bowen, 10:30 a.m., (704) 366-2504 (for this exhibit only), (704) 337-2000 (general), www.mintmuseum.org

Oakboro Regional Museum

Through Nov. 19, Oakboro
Works by local photographer Eddie Shimpock
(704) 485-3612



Davidson College

Ongoing events, Davidson
Oct. 2, "Behind the Broken Words," drama, Emmy award winners Roscoe Lee Browne/Anthony Zerbe, \$25, (704) 894-2116
Oct. 7, Scholars of London, a cappella quartet, 8 p.m., \$15
Oct. 17, visual art exhibit, Canadian painter Corinne Duchesne
Oct. 25, lecture by novelist Richard Powers, free, (704) 894-2288

NC School of the Arts

Ongoing events, Winston-Salem Stevens Center
Oct. 10, "The Sunshine Boys," 8 p.m., \$34/\$32
Oct. 23, "My Fair Lady," 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., \$34-\$28
(336) 721-1945
www.ncarts.edu/Stevens_Center

Stanly Country Agri-Civic Center

Ongoing events, Albemarle
Oct. 6, "Eddie Miles" with Elvis tribute, (704) 982-7302
Oct. 20, "Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver," (704) 485-8833
Oct. 28, "Caribbean Sound Steel Band," (704) 986-3666, tharris@co.stanly.nc.us

Museum of Life and Science

Ongoing events, Durham
Through March 2002, mongoose lemurs exhibit
Oct. 7, Durham Kennel Club presentation
Oct. 27, Spooky Saturday
(919) 220-5429, www.ncmls.org

Last Friday Street Fests

Through Oct. 26, Hillsborough
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"Pageant"

Oct. 4-7, Raleigh
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Oct. 5-7, 12-14, Spencer
N.C. Transportation Museum, tickets only sold in advance at (704) 636-2889 or 1-877-NCTM-FUN
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Oct. 6, Southern Pines
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Oct. 6, Cameron
(910) 245-7001

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Oct. 6, Mount Airy
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Oct. 12, Aberdeen
Aberdeen Lake, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Oct. 12-14, Mount Airy
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Fish Fry

Oct. 13, Albemarle
Market Station, 5-7:30
p.m. (704) 984-9415

John Blue Cotton Festival

Oct. 13-14, Scotland
County
Cotton Blossom Railroad,
antique cotton gin/tractors/
engines, clogging
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Book Reading

Oct. 14, Chapel Hill
UNC-Wilson Library
Hillsborough novelist
David Payne, Asheville
poet/non-
fiction writer David
Brendan Hopes, 2:30 p.m.,
free, (919) 962-3461

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Oct. 19-21, Pinehurst
Pinehurst Harness Track
2 p.m. all days & 4 p.m.
on Friday, (910) 295-4446



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Oct. 19-21, Oakboro
Antiques, gun & knife
show, \$5, (704) 485-
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tion.com/big_lick](http://www.hinsonauc-
tion.com/big_lick)

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Oct. 20, Denton
W. Salisbury St., 7-10:30 p.m.
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Oct. 20, Jackson Springs
Lunch, historic tree planting,
music, People in any way affili-
ated with Jackson Springs may
attend, (910) 295-3613 rsvp or
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Coin Club Show

Oct. 27, Statesville
National Guard Armory
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., (704) 871-
1096, iscc@conninc.com

Seaboard Festival and Thunderfest

Oct. 27, Hamlet
Arts, crafts, live shows and
music, (910) 582-6193



Barbecue Festival

Oct. 27, Lexington
Crafts, live entertainment,
bicycle stunts
(336) 956-1880
www.barbecuefestival.com

Antique Music and Phonograph Show

Oct. 27, Mooresville
Mooresville Citizens Center,
(704) 321-9194

Halloween Trail

Oct. 27-28, Raleigh
Durant Nature Park
Costumed characters, pumpkin-
lit trails
(919) 831-6640

"Bloody Reign of Mad Miner"

Oct. 27, 28, 31, Stanfield
Reed Gold Mine
Haunted mine, hayrides, magi-
cian, 7 p.m., \$2, (704) 721-
4653

Natural History Halloween

Oct. 28, Raleigh
NC Museum of Natural
Sciences, games,
costume contest, live animals,

spooky stories, food, 1-4 p.m.,
free, (919) 733-7450

"Under the Rainbow"

Oct. 31, Mocksville
Brock Performing Arts Center,
Tarradiddle Players, \$8/\$6,
(336) 751-3000

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Ocracoke Preservation Society
Museum, (252) 928-7375

"Horses of Shackleford"

Through Nov. 4, Beaufort
acrylic paintings by Alexander
Kaszas

Oct. 17, lecture on feral horses
by Sue Stuska of Cape Lookout
National Seashore

Oct. 21, author of "The Night
Flyers," Elizabeth McDavid
Jones reads, North Carolina
Maritime Museum
(252) 728-7317

[www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sec-
tions/maritime](http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sec-
tions/maritime)

Agricultural Center

Ongoing events, Williamston
Oct. 5-7, Duck & Deer Expo,
(919) 990-2325
Oct. 12, 13, Old Ford Survivor
Series Rodeo, (252) 975-3868
Oct. 19-21, Idle Fox Farm
Hunter Horse Show, (252) 975-
6938

King Mackerel Tournament

Oct. 4-6, Southport
Southport Marina
(800) 457-6964,
www.southport-oakland.com

"On Broadway" Gala

Oct. 5, New Bern
Riverfront Convention Center
Art show and auction
\$25 by reservation
(252) 633-0567

NC Seafood Festival

Oct. 5-7, Morehead City
Waterfront, (252) 726-6273
www.nc-seafoodfestival.org



Peanut Festival

Oct. 6, Edenton
Parade, band competition,
entertainment, food and crafts
(800) 775-0111

Swampfest

Oct. 6, Gates
Community Center
Bill Deal and the Rondels,
antique cars, food, 10 a.m. -
6 p.m., (252) 357-0677



Perquimans County Farm Tour

Oct. 6-7, Hertford
Craft show (Oct. 6),
"Jollification" pig pickin'/live
bluegrass (Oct. 6, reserva-
tions only), \$20 per carload
(252) 426-5428

Riverfest

Oct. 6-7, Wilmington
Live music, arts, ship tours
(910) 452-6862

Chowan County Fair

Oct. 9-13, Edenton
American Legion Fairgrounds
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"Uniquely American Influences on Classical Music"

Oct. 12, Oriental
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
7:30 p.m., free, featuring
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cology faculty, (252) 249-3079



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Oct. 12-14, New Bern
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tainment, flower show,
music, (252) 638-5781
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Art Walk

Oct. 12-13,
Edenton
Downtown,
10 a.m. -
5 p.m.
Artists, potters, photographers,
doll making, (252) 482-0910

Oktoberfest

Oct. 13, Edenton
Nat'l Guard Armory band from
Dresden, Germany
(252) 482-8590

Mullet Festival

Oct. 13, Swansboro
Waterfront, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Parade, vendors, food, live
entertainment, (910) 353-0241

Seafood, Blues and Jazz Festival

Oct. 13,14, Wilmington
Ft. Fisher Air Force Recreation
Area, (910) 458-8434

Pierson Lecture

Oct. 25, Mount Olive
Mount Olive College
Speaker Father George Coyne,
S.J., Ph.D, astronomer at the
Vatican Observatory in Rome,
free, 8 p.m., (919) 658-2502

Cape Fear Fair and Expo

Oct. 27, Wilmington
Wilmington International
Airport, agricultural focus
(910) 313-1234

NC State Chili Cook-Off

Oct. 20, Havelock
Havelock State Park
(252) 444-1496

A Time to Gather

Oct. 20, Fremont
Aycock Birthplace State Historic
Site, 1-6 p.m., corn shucking,
cotton picking, wagon rides,
music, (919) 242-5581,
aycock@ncmail.net

Gate City Camerata

Oct. 26, Oriental
Pamlico Co. Civic & Cultural
Center, \$12, (252) 249-3079,

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Oct. 26-27, Kenansville
James Sprunt Community
College, (910) 280-4780

Ghost Walk

Oct. 26,27,
New Bern
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Oct. 26-28, Wilmington
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362-9298,

Halloween Ghost Trolley

Oct. 26-31, Wilmington
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NC Symphony String Quartet

Oct. 27, Windsor
7 p.m., (252) 794-
3140

Halloween Festival

Oct. 26-28,
Wilmington
Poplar Grove
Plantation
Hayride, haunted barn,
games, rides, costume
contests
(910) 686-9518

Halloween History/Mystery Tour

Oct. 28-29,
Wilmington
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haunted homes, hear
histories, \$12, 4:30
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October's arrival is paralleled with visions of spring flower color and bountiful vegetables. By jumpstarting with careful planning, next spring and summer gardens will repay with satisfaction. A distinct advantage of fall and winter planting is that it allows plants to establish root systems in new soil long before hot, dry weather of summer arrives. There's less chance of transplanting shock. Many shrubs make root growth when soil temperature is approximately 45 degree Fahrenheit, even though top growth may be at a very slow pace. Shrubs and trees make root growth during winter as well as in autumn. In making plant choices, it is best to be selective rather than overplant with numerous varieties and species. Doing so can result in a jumbled mass of confusion. Select foundation plantings based on what they will do for the house as well as nearby related buildings.

Clematis: Climax of Spring

As springtime merges into summer, the many varieties of clematis vine contribute a colorful excitement as gardens enter summer. Among the approximately 300 species are some of the most decorative of deciduous plants. Those of vigorous growth do well under conditions that are widely varying. Some are temperamental and thrive only when their specific cultural requirements are met. Some produce bell-shaped blooms, others panicles of spreading clusters. The most commonly grown bear large

star-shaped blooms.

Flowering season begins early when variety Montana blooms in May. It continues until late summer when the hybrid Duchess of Edinburg fades into winter. Good drainage is necessary for all varieties. A sandy loam well supplied with organic matter is ideal. Heavy clay or loamy soils do not give favorable growing conditions. About an inch of mortar chips or pebbles in the bottom of the planting hole will supply a long-lasting slightly alkaline condition. Full sun is best; however, when planted in lightly shaded spots, many will make satisfactory growth and flower reasonably well. Autumn is the most favorable time for planting. Most nurseries have vigorous own-rooted plants growing in pots. These are superior to grafted plants. After planting, apply

Autumn is the best time to plant your favorite variety of clematis vine.

(photo by Mike Blumenthal)

mulch. Clematis is popular for use on the post of a streetside mailbox. English ivy trained on the post affords an evergreen background for the deciduous clematis.



Espalier care

The heavy load of berries that are produced by healthy pyracanthas and hollies grown as espaliers can be a strain on their supports. Be certain that support wires, cables, or other fasteners, as well as the trellis frame are in good condition. Their colorful berries add much to the winter scene.

Vegetable garden

Most activity this season centers around harvesting salad and root crops planted earlier. It's a good time to clean up the garden spot by turning under or composting crop residues. This helps prevent insect and disease problems in the spring. Soil turned now makes it possible to get crops in earlier next year. Fast-maturing vegetables such as turnips (for greens), radishes and garden cress can be sown. The flavor of turnips, parsnips and kale is improved if harvested after the first frost.

Pansy cheer

Set out pansy plants, sometimes called "kitten faces," this month for colorful blooms throughout the cold months. The Maxim series or Padparadja are heat resistant types—a plus on those sometimes hot periods in mid-winter. Space plants about six inches apart. Apply a tablespoon of a slow-release fertilizer around each plant. Wait until hard freezes are forecast before mulching heavily. Remove faded blooms for continued flowering.

Bedding ahead

The dormant season ahead will be a good time to establish or expand a flower or vegetable garden. Adding soil amendments or taking soil samples now will allow plenty of time for planning—as well as planting—the garden next spring. Your local County Extension Office will advise in making soil tests.

Clean-ups aid in checking fungal disease


Fungal diseases often survive the change of seasons as they hibernate in the mulch and debris beneath a plant. The previous season's blossoms, fruit and foliage that lie on the ground can reinfect roses, peonies, camellias and even fruit trees. Before applying fresh mulch, it's a good idea to clean out the old. This may save you money spent on fungicides and time spent on spraying in the long run.

Casting light on the subject

Watch houseplants for signs of insufficient light. They will begin stretching out for more light, becoming weak and gangly. To help the plant, pinch it back just above a set of leaves or a leaf bud. Place it in bright light as in a south window. East and west windows offer the next brightest light. Garden centers have special lights for growing indoor plants, in both fluorescent and regular bulb form.

October oughts

It's time to plant cilantro and coriander. Both seasonings come from the same plant. Usually coriander refers to the sweet, spicy seeds. Cilantro is the name used for the leaves. Although the flavor may seem strong or even unpleasant at first, cilantro has become quite popular for seasoning. Sow seeds of Shirley poppies directly into the garden this fall for blooms next spring. Broadcast seeds into the background of established flowerbeds, or sow seeds between established cool-season annuals such as pansies. Loosen soil with a rake. Sow seed. Rake lightly to cover with soil.



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Oriental Pork Chops

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 8-ounce can of crushed pineapple (in its own juice)
- 4-6 boneless pork chops

Combine the first 6 ingredients and the juice from the pineapple. Set aside. Cut slits into the sides of the pork chops to form pockets. Marinate the pork chops in the soy sauce mixture for 1 hour or overnight. Stuff each pork chop with 1 tablespoon of pineapple. Reserve pineapple. Preheat grill and cook pork chops over medium high heat for 10-15 minutes on each side until done. Optional: add remaining pineapple to marinade and boil for 3 minutes. Serve over pork chops.

Oatmeal Coffee Cake

- 1 cup Quick Oats
- 1 1/4 cup boiling water
- *Mix oatmeal and water and let cool

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 cups House-Autry Mills Buttermilk Biscuit

- Mix**
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Cream eggs, sugar and oil. Add cooled oatmeal to egg mixture and mix well. Mix cinnamon and nutmeg with House-Autry Biscuit Mix. Add to egg and oatmeal mixture. Do not over mix. Pour into a 9-by-13 cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees 25-30 minutes. Pour topping over cake and broil until brown, about 2-3 minutes

Topping:

- 1 stick margarine or butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 egg
- 1 cup coconut

Melt butter and mix all ingredients

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Pork Tenderloin

- 2 pork tenderloins
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2-3/4 cup molasses
- 3 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

Mix molasses, mustard & vinegar. Pour over tenderloins and refrigerate for 6-8 hours. Bake at 350 degrees, uncovered, for approximately 30 minutes, or, until internal temperature (using a meat thermometer) reaches 160 degrees

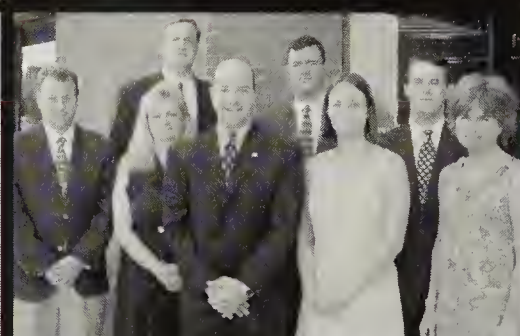
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